

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 10, 11, 15, and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 1-9 and 12-14 are pending.

II. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-9 and 12-14. Applicants have canceled the non-elected claims and thus this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below once he has reviewed the proposed amendment if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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